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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PALACE FOR
HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II FROM THE PRESIDENT:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,

MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR

THE VERY KIND MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES YOU SENT ON THE COMMEM-

ORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPEN-

DENCE. I AM ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE THOUGHTFUL CABLE YOU

ADDRESSED ME UPON THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR VISIT. YOUR

GRACIOUS PRESENCE TOGETHER WITH PRINCE PHILIP IN THE UNITED

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STATES LAST WEEK LENT A MOST WELCOME DIMENSION TO OUR

CELEBRATIONS DURING OUR TWO HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.

IN AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL YEAR, WE REDEDICATE OURSELVES IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY, AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT THE CLOSE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED

KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES IN PURSUIT OF THESE GOALS, A PARTNERSHIP SO SUCCESSFULLY REAFFIRMED BY YOUR MAJESTY'S VISIT, WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

2. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

3. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS BOTH OF QUEEN'S FOURTH OF JULY AND POST-VISIT MESSAGES:

4. FOURTH OF JULY. BEGIN TEXT: JULY 2.

ON THE SPECIAL OCCASION, MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN YOU ARE CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, AND ON THE EVE OF MY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WITH PRINCE PHILIP, I AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO SEND YOU MY SINCERE GREETINGS AND WARM GOOD WISHES FOR THE PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS OF YOUR COUNTRY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

ELIZABETH R. END TEXT.

5. POST-VISIT. BEGIN TEXT: JULY 12.

AS WE LEAVE THE SHORES OF THE UNITED STATES PRINCE PHILIP AND I SEND TO YOU AND MRS FORD OUR DEEPEST THANKS. WE HAVE BEEN MUCH MOVED BY THE HEARTWARMING WELCOME WE RECEIVED FROM YOURSELVES AND FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO JOIN WITH YOU IN YOUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS AND TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY AS IT EMBARKS ON ITS THIRD CENTURY. IN THESE TROUBLED AND PERPLEXING TIMES IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES ARE AS GENEROUS, RESOLUTE, AND KINDLY AS EVER.

ELIZABETH R. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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